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FOR: ALL FLORIDA MEDIA OUTLETS

TO: NEWS DIRECTORS AND ASSIGNMENT EDITORS

EVENT: OPEN FORUMS ON CORPS REGULATORY PROGRAM

WHEN: 18 SEPT. 23 SEPT. 25 SEPT. 30 SEPT.

WHERE: JACKSONVILLE FT. MYERS FT. LAUDERDALE PANAMA CITY

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS REGULATORY DIVISION OFFERS SECOND YEAR OF OPEN FORUMS

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – For the second straight year, David Hobbie, chief of the Regulatory Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, will travel the state of Florida with a team of technical matter experts for a series of forums open to consultants, environmentalists, representatives of other governmental agencies and the general public.

The Corps issues environmental permits for projects ranging from vast commercial developments to backyard undertakings by individual homeowners. The Jacksonville District Regulatory Division also has an extensive enforcement section, which assures compliance with federal regulatory laws within the Corps.

Topics to be covered at the forums this year will include: 1, a general session led by Mr. Hobbie; 2, an in-depth discussion of the Rapanos Supreme Court Decision and how it continues to effect wetlands determinations; 3, mitigation rulings; and 4, a general question and answer period.

A **special effort is being made this year to reach out to the media** on regulatory issues pertinent in each separate location or region. Not only will Mr. Hobbie be available to answer questions



on these issues, but project managers and specialists in the particular fields of expertise will be on hand to meet the media face-to-face.

The locations for the meetings are as follows:

REGULATORY ROAD SHOW 2008

Thursday, Sept. 18	Jacksonville	Crowne Plaza Hotel
Tuesday, Sept 23	Fort Myers	Crowne Plaza Fort Myers
Thursday, Sept. 25	Fort Lauderdale	Sheraton Fort Lauderdale Airport
Tuesday, Sept. 30	Panama City	FSU Panama City Auditorium

Sessions at each location begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. and will finish no later than 3 p.m.

Editors, news directors and reporters seeking information on specific topics, issues and projects should call Public Affairs Specialist Barry Vorse in advance of the forum in your area.

He can be reached at 904-232-2236 or at barry.d.vorse@usace.army.mil. Further Regulatory Division information is available on the Jacksonville District web site at <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/regulatory>.

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